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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINR PGOV NI MP  
SUBJECT: AFRICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD NIGERIA

REF: STATE 208244

1. BASED ON CONVERSATION BETWEEN CHARGE AND FONMIN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, IT IS APPARENT THAT GOM VIEWS NIGERIA AS MODERATING INFLUENCE IN AFRICA. NIGERIAN DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES HAD IMPRESSED OFFICIAL WITH THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL ABILITY AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO BRIDGE GAPS. IS DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, THAT GOM VIEWS NIGERIA AS THE "SPOKESMAN FOR AFRICA." THE DIVERSITY OF VIEWS IS TOO GREAT FOR ANY ONE COUNTRY TO BE "THE" SPOKESMAN.

2. PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM, IN A LONG DISCOURSE WITH CHARGE ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, MENTIONED HOW IMPRESSED HE HAD BEEN WITH OBASANJO AT THE LIBREVILLE OAU CONFERENCE. RAMGOOLAM SAID THAT OBASANJO WAS A "GOOD FRIEND -- NOT BECAUSE I KNOW HIM THAT WELL, BUT BECAUSE HE IS FRIENDLY, CHARMING, REASONABLE, AND A GREAT MAN." RAMGOOLAM REGRETTED THAT DURING HIS PRESIDENCY OF THE OAU, HE HAD NOT TAKEN THE TIME TO MAKE ANY OFFICIAL VISIT TO NIGERIA TO BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH OBASANJO.

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